

DENNIS MCANDREWS

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DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE



Dennis McAndrews, Esquire, is a lifelong Democrat who has resided in Chester County for nearly 40 years. Dennis is an experienced attorney who regularly represents children and adults with disabilities and their families, and has attained a national reputation in the fields of special education, special needs planning, and estate planning for families. Dennis is committed to progressive public policies, including universal health care, protection for the environment, reasonable/humane immigration policies, gun control legislation, and honesty and civility in government.

To the general public, Dennis McAndrews is best known as the successful prosecutor of the John Dupont murder trial and as a commentator for national news organizations during the prosecution of Bill Cosby. Dennis has been deeply involved in public service throughout most of his adult life, first as a prosecutor in Southeastern Pennsylvania, and also as the Executive Director and Staff Counsel for a Pennsylvania State Select Investigating Committee charged with investigating the system of care of persons with disabilities in Pennsylvania. Thereafter, and concurrently with his service as a prosecutor, Dennis was selected to serve as a Hearing Officer regarding special education matters for the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

In 1989, Dennis ran a groundbreaking campaign for the Pennsylvania Superior Court where, alone among all judicial candidates, he refused to accept any contributions from attorneys, as he believes that the mixture of money and politics has a profoundly negative affect on our public life, especially in the judiciary, and he is opposed to the Citizens United Supreme Court decision which opened the doors for huge levels of corporate money in political campaigns.

For over 30 years, Dennis served as an adjunct professor of civil rights, civil liberties, and criminal justice at Villanova University and Immaculata University, and also taught courses involving human rights and constitutional history. He is a successful businessperson, having created his own successful law firm on Cassatt Avenue in Berwyn which now totals 17 attorneys, six satellite offices, and bar memberships in a half dozen jurisdictions.